From The Principal - Bruce Robertson

I hope you all survived the deluge late last week without too many concerns. The roads in our local area flood reasonably quickly and we warn students not to take risks by crossing these problem areas.

Similarly, adults need to set an example for students. I can appreciate what a decent 4WD is capable of but I am dismayed at the number of vehicles that cross through the floodwaters. Please be mindful that your decisions impact not only on your own family members but also on other members of our community who may be in the vicinity.

Boscombe Road has not been safe to cross this week, yet we have students who are tempted to cross having seen a number of vehicles driving through the water. Please take the few extra minutes required to drive around and model common sense behaviour as sometimes it really does take a community to raise a child.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy for students in Years 3 and 5 is only 3 school days away. Our students have been made familiar with the format, language, response types and time constraints of the Language Conventions, Reading and Numeracy tests. They have also produced written scripts under timed test conditions to prepare them for the Writing test. These are appropriate preparation measures, along with our relentless focus on teaching literacy and numeracy as part of the national curriculum.

I have enjoyed working with some of our students on numeracy to apply the ‘See-Plan Do-Check’ strategy when answering questions. It’s amazing how many simple corrections can be made when you check your work. Here is an example of two Year 5 Numeracy questions from a previous year’s NAPLAN test.

Question
There were some strawberries on a plate.
Nat took half of them. Then she took one more.
Five strawberries were left.

How many strawberries were on the plate to start?

Answer
A) 4    B) 6    C) 11    D) 12

Question
Joe has four notes in his wallet.
The total value of the notes is $75.
Which type of note is not in Joe’s wallet?

Answer
A) $5    B) $10    C) $20    D) $50

Just confirming, the answer to the first question is D) 12 and the answer to second question is C) $20.
Many students rush through the questions without understanding the problem and then checking to see if the answer makes sense. The See-Plan-Do-Check strategy is a gentle reminder to assist students with this process.

Please also recognise the value of a good night’s sleep, a nutritious breakfast and being early to school on these days in preparation. The NAPLAN timetable is:

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**IPS - School Council**

Keep an eye out for announcements on these dates:

- Receipt of nominations (parents and staff) – week beginning Monday 01 June 2015

**Thought for the Week**

"It will never rain roses: when we want more roses, we must plant more roses."

*George Eliot*

**From the Deputy – Katie Lewis**

**Reading Focus at Brookfield**

As mentioned last week, many teachers provide prompts to support parents when completing "Home Reading" with students. Please find attached to this edition of the Banter, an outline of a "Book Walk" which you may find useful to use when reading with your child/children each night. This sheet is provided in the Departmental resources, and you will note it has Year 1 at the top, however, it can be used across a range of ages.

**Brookie Bears and Brumbies**

This term, we will promote our Brookfield State School qualities of *Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Responsible* through Brookie Bears (P-3) and Brookie Brumbies (Years 4-6). Students will receive "Brookie Bears" or "Brookie Brumbies" when they display our values and qualities in their playground behaviour and choices. Each week, Brookie Bear and Brookie Brumbies recipients will be drawn on assembly and one class per week will have the privilege of having Brookie in their room to acknowledge their quality choices.

Brookie Bear and Brookie Brumbies commence this week.
Resource Centre News

World Book Online Encyclopaedia

World Book Online – Our first click for facts fast!

Brookfield State School subscribes to World Book Online Students and Kids.

This gives our students 24/7 access from school, home and mobile to the latest high quality information at a primary school reading level. The website also has many special features for students including videos, learning centres and educational games.

‘Kids’ is tailored to a younger reading level and ‘Students’ is for older readers.

Here’s how to logon:

Go to [http://www.worldbookonline.com](http://www.worldbookonline.com)
Login: bss9
Password: b4069

Click on the Student icon -> brown pencil
Put your search words in the Search Bar then...
Click on radio button: ‘WORLD BOOK STUDENT + KIDS’ and SEARCH
Choose which article to read first from the Search Results.

Mrs Allison will be in the Resource Centre Lab at first breaks to assist students to logon and learn more about how to use special features of this excellent website. During our 2 week promotion students who log on to World Book Online at lunchtimes in the Resource Centre Lab receive a Brumby or Brookie Bear.

Readers Cup - The Sport of Reading

Teams have now been chosen with two teams for each of the sporting houses busily reading their books and attending team meetings during lunch times. Good luck to all teams!

Read and be amazed
Fiona Allison
Teacher Librarian

Sport News

This Thursday is the District Cross Country. Good luck to all our runners.

All Schools Cross Country – 2007 Boys Needed!!!

We are desperately still looking for one or two boys born in 2007 to run the Qld All Schools Cross Country at Kedron on Saturday. No need to be a star, just keen and able to run 1km.

Please email [lizelmoore@gmail.com](mailto:lizelmoore@gmail.com) or ring Lizel on 0438 129 082

Libby Wark and Lizel Moore

Music News

Emails were sent home this week to all Senior Choir families with details of our upcoming Fanfare performance on May 29. If you did not receive yours, please email Melissa McMillan or collect a copy of the note from the Office. Responses are due back to the Office by Wednesday May 13.

Melissa McMillan
Classroom Music Teacher
Mother’s Day Stall

It’s time.... Our fantastic Mother’s Day stall is this Thursday 07 May (Tomorrow!). A friendly reminder to send your child/ren along with some money so they can make some great purchases for that special someone on Mother’s Day.

A huge thank you to those Prep Parents who have volunteered their time to help out at the stall. Some extra help will be most appreciated for the later sessions.

To all of our special loved ones ... a HUGE Happy Mother’s Day for Sunday.

Sarah Stefanaras and Shelley McGregor

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 3 orders are due this Friday 8th May please. Brookfield SS uses the Linked Online Ordering Platform (LOOP) so please go to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP to order OR download the LOOP app that is available for iPhone, iPad and now Android. No need to return any forms to the office. Please feel free to contact me through bookclub@brookfieldss.eq.edu.au or 0413 443 632 if you have any questions.

PCYC News

Hi Everyone!

What a way to end the week with water all around us! The children are really enjoying our camping area especially fishing in our pond and chilling out in the tee pee. If you haven’t seen our camping courtyard be sure to pop by for a look!

Next week we will be beginning our Life Skills program which will be run by our newest staff member, Steph! Steph has a degree in youth welfare so she is very excited to begin this program. Next week we will start with how to read a menu, order food, set a table and how to be a waiter. If you are interested in attending our Life Skills program, we are going to be running it on Thursday afternoons this term. Please contact Kristy on 3374 2107 to discuss enrolling today!

Our menu is impressing our main critics- the children! We are enjoying baking more food to eat in the afternoons, especially as it gets colder. Please see our menu below- this changes weekly.

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If you wish to take a tour of the service or have any queries about enrolling your child, please do not hesitate to talk to Kristy at the centre or on 3374 2107 or via email brookfieldsac@pcyc.org.au.

Burger Bar

What a wash out last Friday night was!!

Burger Bar was postponed and will be on this Friday night 08 May instead.

The weather forecast is meant to be beautiful.....Perfect for a steak burger and beverage!!

So come on down and enjoy our School Burger Bar, hosted by 6A.

P & C News

Giddy-up ... It's nearly Show time! For a perfect start to show season why don't you get down to Burger Bar this Friday night (Thanks to Andy and the team from 6A who are all organised); always a fantastic way to finish the week (easy dinner and drinks with great company and no requirement to have a clean house!) Please continue to support our awesome Show Stall - a huge thank-you to our organising team (Liz, Beata, Mel, Aneta and Louisa) who are doing an amazing job, it is sure to be another great year! This Sunday is Mother's Day a special day for all mums .... Happy Mother's day to all - I am sure you will get spoilt with treats from our Mother's Day stall - Thanks again to Sarah and Shelley for coordinating and to all of our stall volunteers the kids always look forward to buying something special for mum.

Next Tuesday 12th May at 7pm is our monthly P&C meeting, all welcome to come along we'd love to see you there.

Brookfield Show Countdown

The countdown is on 'til the Brooky Show and if you haven't already pre-purchased your membership or tickets you have until then end of this week to do so on-line: www.brookfieldshowground.com.au.

After that tickets will be available for purchase at the gate throughout the Show weekend. There is so much to see and do - take a look at the program (attached) and get excited!

See you at the Show!

Colouring Competition for the Cake Stall

Just how colourful and creative is your child??

Enter the cake stall’s colouring competition, help raise funds for the P&C... and win fabulous prizes!!

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1st prize is amazing…it’s the original artwork of the cartoon (attached to Banter), which was drawn and donated to Brookfield State School’s cake stall colouring competition by local artist Jacqueline Hill (www.artatheart.com.au) and valued at $250. And there are great 2nd and 3rd prizes also.

It costs only $1 per entry and your child’s finished artwork can be dropped at the office (by Thursday 15th May) or at the cake stall (Saturday 16th or Sunday 17th May). You won’t miss the school’s cake stall – it’s the one with lots of brightly coloured cupcakes for sale!!! Winners will be announced at assembly after the Brookfield Show.

So print out the attached cartoon, or collect a copy from the office, or download the cartoon from the school’s Facebook page…all teachers in Prep, Gr 1 and Gr 2 have also been given copies for their classes.

So happy colouring…and your child could win a fabulous piece of art!!

Cake stall at the Brookfield Show

There’s just over a week to go and there are so many ways for you to help the P&C raise funds at the Brookfield Show’s cake stall…but we need your help to make this a success.

So what can you do?

• You can bake and donate - Tried’n’tested recipes were attached to last week’s Banter and were emailed to all parents. We’d also love some gluten free items to sell. There are also a few options for you to drop-off your home-baked donations:
  − preferably we ask that you drop your homemade goodies at the tuckshop next Friday afternoon (15th May) and we’ll label and box them ready to sell at the cake stall;
  − alternatively, if you need to deliver at morning drop-off on Friday, Louisa will be waiting on the Library verandah from 8am to accept your donations;
  − you can also deliver to the stall on Saturday morning, but please either collect packaging from the tuckshop on Friday afternoon or let us know what size packaging you will require; and
  − we would also LOVE to receive baking donations on Sunday morning, but please contact us prior so that we know what stock to expect and so we can organise packaging to be ready.

• You can volunteer to sell at the cake stall - come along and help sell at the stall (Saturday 16th or Sunday 17th May) - just log on and select the time/day that works best for you: http://brookfieldstateschool1.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=8971

• You can purchase some raffle tickets - envelopes with raffle tickets went home with your child/children last week…drop the tickets with your name/phone number (and money) back to the ‘Returns Box’ in the office by Friday 15th May. There are plenty more raffle tickets at the office. Tickets are $2 each or 3 for $5. Raffles will be drawn at school assembly after the Show.

• You can donate items for the raffles - drop your donated items, including gourmet food items, gift vouchers, wine, homewares, kitchenwares, toiletries, books, unwanted gifts, anything really, to the tubs in the office. Tubs are being collected daily and please deliver your raffle donations by 10am Thursday 14th May.
• Your child can enter the colouring competition - colour in the cartoon (attached to Banter) and your child could win a fabulous piece of original art (by local artist Jacquline Hill and valued at $250). Cartoon entry forms were also emailed to all parents, or you can download the entry form from the school’s Facebook page, and copies were given to all Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2 classes. Entry is $1, submit your child’s completed entries to the office (by Thursday 14th May) or drop your entry into the cake stall Saturday or Sunday Happy colouring!!

If you have any questions, email the organising team at Brookfieldschool-cakestall@hotmail.com ...or call Liz Mortensen (0407 130 631), Beata O’Dwyer (0414 634 528), Mel Harris (0448 916 713), Louisa Wijaha (0418 798 438) or Aneta Zielinski (0419 703 144).

Thank you!!

The P&C’s fundraising team would like to thank each and every person who has generously donated so many fabulous products for our raffle. This year’s raffle has some amazing prizes, but we couldn’t have done it without the support from the school community and local businesses. We value each and every donation, from a bottle of wine or some lovely soap, to gift vouchers, to luxury homewares. Your help is making such a difference to our fundraising efforts.

There are so many local businesses helping our raffle this year...this is a list of gold and silver supporters, and more businesses are coming on board every day! Next week’s Banter we will reveal the full list of businesses that have supported our raffle. There are some amazing prizes this year...but you have to be in it, to win it!

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